

Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

Youth and Young Adults Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, December 17, 2021 9:30am – 11:00am

ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89053155432?pwd=dHZ6TG1UUlpHTnFPVmJMqzUxRGtSdz09>

MINUTES

A. Introductions and Win Wall!

Marianne Bradshaw

- Marianne Bradshaw – new staff. YAB membership process approved. Exciting to see applications come in and interviews kicked off.
- Lisa Trauernicht – staff. Will share about PIT count.
- Amber Kaatz – Last day of school before winter break! That’s a win!
- Hailey Hulsey – Lots of applications for Backbone. 8 have come in this week. YAB leaders are doing interviews and doing awesome
- Tricia Frizzell – Resiliency of staff. Active, challenging cohort of youth at Taylor’s House. It’s a full house including a youth from Mill City and a youth with a 6-month-old. Staff is communicating well and doing great.
- Shanta Frisbee – Final grand reopening last Friday. Had 60-70 people come through. Made some great community connections. Senator Paterson came.
- Dana Goodale – Holiday project for Polk county youth. Shopping for over a thousand families and getting ready to do the distribution next week. Feeling it with last day before break. The break will be a win for our staff.
- Jack Elliot – We’ve had a lot of people get housed recently. A client on case load was finally able to get some much needed, retroactive approval for certain benefits. This afternoon, co-worker and I will go meet UPS at Wal-Mart to do move in shopping for a UPS employee who has been unhoused. UPS is getting them into an apartment and covering the move in costs.
- Julie Conn-Johnson – Grateful for team, incredible people helping students out over the district. OR has a new state coordinator for McKinney Vento.
- Maricela Fernandez – It’s been busy! Getting the gifts for the families and inviting them to different community events. We were transporting a student from Hillsboro to Woodburn in the STEP program. Finally this week she finished and will be able to graduate early.
- Carla Munns – Welcome, Marianne. Kudos to Hailey personally and professionally. Hailey will make a phone call and find solutions for the youth.
- Heather Pascoe – Getting close to closing out first grant cycle. When PacificSource took over system of care two years ago it was a little chaotic. Looking at about 18 youth on the roster. 8-10 who regularly participate.
- Carol McKiel – Monmouth city council. Council priorities for the upcoming year we’ve got a focus on supporting people without houses. Providing more low incomes houses for people was at the top of the list of all the priorities. That’s a shift. Also working on a community resource center. School district hired a houselessness advocate. Working with her to develop a community resource center. I get to go to 6-yr-old grandson’s birthday in April.
- Kayla Burdine-Rea – Still new. Big moving pieces with Sheltering Silverton

B. Committee Administration

Marianne Bradshaw

- Approve November Meeting Minutes
Motion made by Jack Elliott to approve. Seconded by Shanta Frisbee. Approved unanimously.
- Uses of Basecamp
Tricia showed Basecamp and reminded the group where to find things and gave tips on collaborating there. Also pointed out how to change your settings so you don't get email notifications every time anyone comments. Check the schedule for meeting agendas and zoom links.

C. Youth and Young Adult Collective Goals

Tricia Frizzell

Goal #4: Improve local youth data

Lisa Trauernicht shared information about the 2022 PIT (point in time) count. It will be on 1/25, 1/26, 1/29. Will count sheltered and unsheltered in Marion and Polk Counties. We have people putting teams together in different areas. There will be several stationary sites (like HOST, HOME, Arches, Center for Hope & Safety) where people will be hosting events that people can come and be counted.

Community Action Agency is the lead organization for this. They are very organized in the operations. They are setting up training and getting the app set up. UnitedWay is helping collect donations. Food Share is involved and will be providing food to take out.

You can sign up to volunteer on Sign-up Genius here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45a5aa2ba5f5c25-2022>

Info available at Alliance website

<https://mwvhomelessalliance.org/point-in-time-pit-count-2021/>

Contact Lisa with questions: lisamostlyconsulting@gmail.com

Tricia commented on why YYA has this goal and why this data is important. PIT count is a national initiative. The data that's collected from the PIT count determines a lot of funding decisions, for better or worse. PIT count data goes by HUD definition of literally homeless. Since couch surfing or doubling up typically does not count in the PIT count, the YYA population is undercounted. That's why we have a goal about data for this population. We want to support the PIT count and also gather other data to compare with PIT. According to 2018 PIT count, there were 0 youth under the age of 18 in Marion and Polk county. And only 20 young adults in Marion county and only 2 in Polk county. Clearly this is not accurate. We as a group have to improve our practices in how we do the PIT count and how we collect all this information.

Hailey shared some plans for the PIT count: Chili feed will be at the drop in. Requested Dutch Bros gift cards as incentives. Will talk to Backbone to get ideas about where youth are located. Robert and Hailey are doing a video about how to be trauma informed and how to approach youth.

Tricia shared that in the past we have paid youth who are currently experiencing homelessness (or recently) to join outreach teams. Having that peer-to-peer introduction and escort into camps is beneficial.

Discussion

- Rural communities. There are particular challenges for the PIT count in rural communities.
- YYA coming out of custody without stable housing. There is a survey with adults at the transition center. May be an opportunity here with youth. Jack raised some great topics here.
- Education count. Could we have an intentional reach out to all McKinney Vento liaisons around the PIT count? Julie encouraged communication here.
- Year-round attention to PIT count. Opportunities for ongoing messaging/training/education.
- Getting word out to the broader community (city council, newspapers)
- Advertising under development: Flyers, social media. There is a marketing team for PIT.

Next Steps

- Tricia will start a message board on Basecamp for this year’s PIT.
- Tricia and Hailey will lead effort to put together some wording with information focused on YYA. They will share that with the PIT marketing team who will make it look good.
- Lisa will get info on timeline from PIT marketing team.

New Goal #6:

Proposed wording: Support young leaders with lived expertise as they influence the local service delivery system.

Discussion

- Ideas for more ... like “support and amplify voices of young leaders” or “prioritize the voices and expertise of young leaders”
- Support for the idea of goal #6, not sure wording is quite there

Next Steps

- Tricia posting on Basecamp Message Board to invite input on wording
- Goal #6 to be on January agenda

D. YHDP – Update and Participation Opportunities

Marianne Bradshaw

- YHDP Planning Team has kicked off. Everyone is invited to participate when they can. Most meetings on Thursdays 4:30-6. Email Marianne (mpbradshaw503@gmail.com) for more information.

E. Follow Up Tasks / Recap / Closing

Tricia Frizzell

- Next Meeting: Fri 1/21 9:30-11:00

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YYA Subcommittee Collective Goals:

1. Develop a Coordinated Entry system for youth that blends into the system for adults.
2. Expand street-level and other forms of community outreach to better engage youth experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.
3. Establish a Host Home program that fits the needs of the Marion-Polk region.

4. Improve local youth data, starting with the Point In Time (PIT) Count in January 2021.
5. Advocate for the use of and funding for evidence-based practices addressing youth homelessness.

The Public is welcomed to attend; however, there will be no opportunity for public comment on the agenda.

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